

HALL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING APRIL 18, 2006

The Hall County Board of Supervisors met April 18, 2006, by published call in the county board meeting room, 121 South Pine, Grand Island.

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order by Chairman James Eriksen.

INVOCATION - Invocation was given.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison.

ROLL CALL - Present on roll call were, Scott Arnold Jim Eriksen, Richard Hartman, Bob Humiston, Bud Jeffries, Pamela Lancaster and Robert Rye. Also present was a representative from the *Grand Island Independent* and Deputy County Attorney Michelle Oldham and County Attorney Mark Young.

CONSENT AGENDA – Lancaster made a motion and Jeffries seconded to approve the following by consent agenda:

1. Accept and place on file the minutes from the April 4th meeting
2. 5 set the bid opening for the maintenance overlay projects for May 16, 2006 at 10:00 a.m.
3. 15a Approved Resolution #06-0025 and the final plat for Bosselville Second Subdivision
4. 15b Approved Resolution #06-0026 and the final plat for Hillcrest Second Subdivision
5. 15c Approved Resolution #06-0027 and the final plat for Gangwish Subdivision
6. 15d Approved Resolution #06-0028 and the final plat for JLW Subdivision
7. Accepted and placed on file the office reports from the County Clerk, County Sheriff, County Court and Hall and Howard County Juvenile Services
8. Accepted and placed on file the Hall County Treasurer's Miscellaneous Receipts
9. Accepted and placed on file communications as received

Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

2 COUNTY ATTORNEY – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON HIRING FORENSIC AUDITOR FOR CRIMINAL AND POSSIBLE CIVIL LITIGATION – County Attorney Mark Young was present and requested the board's direction on hiring an auditor for the computer issues. They have retained Mike Wassinger with McDermott Miller who is a forensic auditor for the criminal case and would like to know if they want to use him for the civil case. McDermott and Miller are familiar with the county claim process and he is requesting direction from the board. They need the results from the audit before anything can be done. The dollars in his budget are limited.

Arnold questioned Mr. Young could see any potential of conflict of interest, and Mr. Young stated that he did not see any problem.

Lancaster stated that because of the serious nature it is important to go ahead and if there is an issue with funds that can be addressed at the end of the fiscal year. She stated that it is important to have more than one opinion and they need the information.

Jeffries questioned if outside counsel should be contacted for his opinion on the auditor. An attorney has not been hired but this will be addressed today.

2b DISCUS AND APPROVE RESOLUTION REVISING FEES AT THE HALL COUNTY PARK – Michelle Oldham stated that the park committee brought this issue forward and she has prepared a resolution to address the fees.

Jeffries stated that when the committee was considering the fees they gauged the fees with the fees that are charged at Mormon Island. The tent permits are \$7.00 and the camping pads are \$13.00.

Jeffries made a motion and Arnold seconded to approve Resolution #06-0029 establishing the fess for the use and administration of the George Clayton Hall County Park. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Chairman Eriksen called for public participation and no one responded.

7. DISCUSS AND APPORVE AMENDMENT TO HEALTH PLAN REGARDING HIPPA REGULATIONS – Deputy County Attorney Michelle Oldham stated that she reviewed this amendment. It addresses electronic documentation that may be used for the health insurance plan. This needs to be added to the plan document. Hartman made a motion and Lancaster seconded to approve Amendment #5 for the health insurance plan. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

8 DISCUSS AND TAK ACTION ON INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND AND THE COUNTY OF HALL FOR THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT CENTER AND THE NON DISCLOSURE STATEMENT. Michelle stated that she received an e-mail from the city regarding these two items and they are not ready and will be discussed in two weeks.

9 FINAL LEGISLATIVE REPORT – Stacy Ruzicka reported that the following bills have been approved by the Governor:

LB823 the change in the fee disposition for the Clerk of the District Court

LB898 changes relating to the open meeting act

LB904 Change in the highway allocation fund provision

LB915 Notification and clean up for methamphetamine labs

LB924 changes in the provision for community development law regarding the use of eminent domain

LB272CA is a constitutional amendment will be placed on the general election ballot
Discussion was held and no action was taken.

10 CORRECTION DEPARTMENT REQUEST REGARDING FUNDS EXPIRING IN EQUIPMENT IMPROVEMENT RESERVE FUND – Holly Plejdrup and Jimmy Vann were present several items in the Equipment Improvement fund are at the five year limit and with the anticipation of the new jail facility they would like to carry these items over for an additional two years. The kitchen items of a mixer for \$3,500.00, meat slicer \$1,650.00 and the toaster for \$1,000.00 and the time check /access software for \$20,000.00. The

software is a management tool that tracks officers as they move through out the facility. They would like to save these dollars for the new facility.

Jeffries made a motion and Lancaster seconded to refer this to the audit committee and they will come back with a recommendation. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

16 AUDIT OF BI WEEKLY PAY CLAIMS AND REGULAR CLAIMS AND ACTION ON CLAIM AUDIT – The board members reviewed the claims. Hartman made a motion and Humiston seconded to approve the bi weekly pay claims and the regular claims. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

11 EXECUTIVE SESSION PERSONNEL (CORRECTIONS STEERING COMMITTEE) – Arnold made a motion and Lancaster seconded to go into executive session. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Executive session 9:35 p. m.

9:45 a.m. Arnold made a motion and Lancaster seconded to go out of executive session. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Mr. Fred Ruiz the interim corrections director was present. He stated he appreciates the opportunity to work in the law enforcement field again. He stated that the county has outstanding employees in Jimmy Vann and Holly Plejdrup. He noted that there are a lot of new issues that need to be worked out with the new jail facility, union issues and negotiations. With his help Jimmy will be able to run the jail and Holly will handle the administrative procedures. They will be needing more help in the jail and they need more help in the administrative offices.

Lancaster reported that Denny Macomber with Nebraska Jail Standards stated that there are 4 new jail facilities being built in Nebraska and they will be offering some free training that is specific to the transition to a new jail facility. She asked him to contact Hall County regarding this training.

12. CORRECTIONS STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON COMPENSATION FOR SENIOR CORRECTIONS DIRECTOR - Arnold stated that when Mr. Ruiz was hired and the rate of pay was set they are now asking him to do more than what they thought. Discussion was held to address his salary.

Arnold made a motion and Lancaster seconded to increase his pay to \$1,500.00 per pay period. Arnold amended the motion and Lancaster seconded to make it effective retroactive to April 6.

Hartman noted that this is really not a part time job he has to be assessable 24 hours a day 7 day a week.

The vote on the motion to increase his pay was taken. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Held a board of equalization meeting.

4 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING HOSPITAL AUTHORITY BONDS – Michelle Oldham stated that information regarding the hospital authority bonds was included in the board's packets. She stated that Bob Dodendorf, a member of the hospital authority board and Tom Molacek are present.

Mr. Dodendorf stated that the hospital authority board met and approved the bonds but under IRS codes the County Board also has to approve the bonds. The hospital authority is a way to obtain bonds at a lower interest rate. Recently very little has been done. The board members have been reappointed and have met to approve the bonds, now the County Board needs to do the same.

Lancaster noted that because they are tax exempt bonds the rates are lower. Deputy County Attorney Michelle Oldham stated that she reviewed the minutes of the meeting and the affidavit of publication.

Arnold made a motion and Lancaster seconded to approve Resolution #06-0030 a resolution approving the issuance of revenue bonds by Hospital Authority #1 of Hall County Nebraska. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted

10:00 A.M. BID OPENING FOR ANNUAL GRAVEL BIDS – The following bids were read:

CONTRACTOR	PROJECT #1	PROJECT #2	PROJECT #3	PROJECT #4
LILLEY SAND & GRAVEL PIT PRICE \$3.75 A YARD	NO BID	\$23,521.00	\$29,212.00	\$31808.00
CENTRAL SAND & GRAVEL PIT PRICE \$3.75 A TON	\$20,457.50	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID
CONSOLIDATED CONCRETE PIT PRICE NONE	NO BID	\$23,607.00	NO BID	NO BID
HOOKE BORTHERS PIT PRICE \$3.3.80 A TON	\$18,407.00	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID
BRUNER'S SAND PIT PRICE \$4.00 A TON	NO BID	NO BID	\$30,366.10	NO BID
ISLAND LANDHANDLERS PIT PRICE \$3.75	\$17525.00	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID

Jeffries made a motion and Lancaster seconded to refer the bids to the public works committee for review. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted

5 minute break to review the bids

10:15 A. M. BID OPENING FOR SALE OF MOTOR GRADER - One bid was received for the motor grader.

Island Supply Company total bid \$15,000.00

Casey Sherlock was present. Discussion was held.

Hartman made a motion and Arnold seconded to deny the bid for the 2001 New Holland motor grader from Island Supply Company. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted

Mr. Sherlock stated that they reviewed the gravel bids and accepted the following.

CONTRACTOR	PROJECT #1	PROJECT #2	PROJECT #3	PROJECT #4
Island Landhandlers	\$17,525.00	no bid	no bid	no bid
TOTAL BID	\$17,525.00	PIT PRICE \$3.75		
Lilley Sand & Gravel	no bid	\$23,521.00	\$29,212.80	no bid
TOTAL BID	\$52,733.80	PIT PRICE \$3.75		
Consolidated Conc.	no bid	no bid	no bid	\$29624.00
TOTAL BID	\$29,624.00	PIT PRICE \$3.75		

Hartman made a motion and Jeffries seconded to accept the low bids as stated and accept all pit prices and authorize the chair to sign the contract. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

BOARD MEMBER'S REPORTS – Rye – He noted the progress on the new library.

Arnold – He reported that he attended a computer committee meeting and stated that he has been working with Mr. Fred Ruiz and Jimmy Vann with corrections. He also provided information on a leadership conference.

Jeffries – He reported that he received information from the historical society regarding the Giese house that is to be on the list of historical homes. He also reported that they are having problems with the road at the park the material that was used was rejected and they have to keep the road closed until it is satisfactory. They hope to have it opened in the next few days. Discussion was held on the demolition of the duplex next to the County Attorney Building and if there were any funds to do this. At one time it was discussed to apply for CRA funds. Arnold stated that they are working on the bid specifications for the demolition. Lancaster also stated that we need to check with the CRA. This is a grant process and Board Assistant Stacey Ruzicka stated that she will check on it.

Lancaster – She reported on the information from jail standards.

6 LEE JOHNSON MID AMERICAN BENEFITS HEALTH INSURANCE UPDATE. – Lee Johnson with Mid American was present to update the board on the renewal. The self

funded plan has two parts the specific deductible level that is \$60,000.00 per covered participant and the aggregate, claim account, funding factors. This year the claim account was billed at \$317.83 for single and \$808.00 for family coverage, the utilization to date was \$193.26 for single and \$596.42 for family, so the plan did very well this year. This year he would like to increase the balance of the claim account, from \$272,966.00 to about \$450,000.00. This allows a cushion if we experience a higher percentage increase. They used a laser on one claim this year, this is a tool used by the underwriters to mitigate a large claim then this does not affect the premiums costs.

Mr. Johnson stated that if the plan continues in the same direction there should not be an increase for 2006/2007. Discussion was held if we should add a 2% increase but Mr. Johnson stated that if the ag factor comes lower there may be extra dollars. Mr. Johnson stated that he will be at the May 16th board meeting with the renewal information.

NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Eriksen called for new or unfinished business and no one responded.

Meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be May 16, 2006, at 9:00 a.m.

Marla J. Conley Hall County Clerk